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Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

—Psalm 100

**the
Readers'
response**

To the Editor:

The Evangel is wonderful and I do not have any complaints. However, I am wondering why you do not put information in the Evangel that would be helpful to us ministers, such as is found in the magazine Action, published by the National Association of Evangelicals, in the September issue, page 31, "Northeast Airlines Adopts Clergy Fares" and "Clergy Social Security and Tax Law Literalized." I would like to see important items such as these and others in our magazine, making the Church of God Evangel tops.

I certainly appreciate the wonderful work that you are doing through the Evangel.

May the good Lord continue to bless you, and I hope I have not imposed on you by writing you and making these suggestions.

JOHN L. MCPHERSON
Bluefield, Va.

* The United Evangelical Action has a correspondent stationed in Washington, D. C., to keep it informed on such matters as those you mention. A number of publications also have Washington correspondents, but the Evangel does not have this advantage. We must rely on press releases for this information. When these items are sent to us we are happy to publish them. We also frequently reprint such material from other publications.

To the Editor:

I have been receiving the Evangel for the last few months and enjoy it very much; being a new convert it is indeed food to my soul. I received the October 14 issue and in it was an article entitled "Brethren Beware" by Alma Newsome; I believe this is the most fitting article that could be written by anyone in this day and time when things on every hand are in such a mess and no one seems to know what to do.

We have people in almost all churches who profess salvation but when church is over and they get to themselves, their actions and conversation are altogether different. Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto

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me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Also the Bible says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." It is high time for us to move up closer and walk with God and beware of all those false prophets and doctrines which are in the world today. It seems that men think they can fool God, but when God looks on man, He knows his life and heart. Let us not judge or say anything about a man that we do not know but follow God and peace with all men and beware of false leaders.

I would enjoy some more of Alma Newsome's articles.

LEONARD TUMBLIN
Birmingham, Ala.

To the Editor:

Our Evangel is getting better all the time and is filled with good things. We look forward to the time when it arrives. I cannot understand why everyone would not be taking the Church of God Evangel.

C. B. DONAHUE
Hixson, Tenn.

To the Editor:

Your editorial "A Bushel of Heresy" appearing in the September 23 issue of the Evangel certainly rings the bell with me. This should strengthen the hands of those who are having to face this covetously inspired propaganda that is even deluging these foreign lands in printed form.

P. F. TAYLOR
Overseer of Jamaica
Jamaica, B. W. I.

To the Editor:

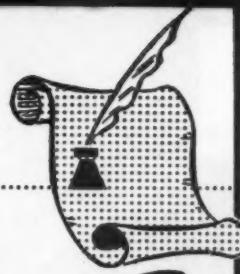
I would like to mention the article in the September 23 issue of the Evangel, written by Brother Earl P. Paulk on "Ministerial Ethics." This is one thing that is needed today and I appreciate this message that Brother Paulk has written for the readers on the field. Others have made mention of their appreciation of this article. It seems to me that it would be good for Brother Paulk to follow up this article with several more on the same subject.

I think the Evangel is at its best since I have been reading it and that has been more than 30 years. Keep up the good work.

RUSSELL H. SUMNER
Crisfield, Md.

Thanksgiving

in the Heart



The Editor's Message

THE SEASON HAS COME when a day of thanksgiving will be proclaimed for our nation by the President of the United States. The wheels of industry will stop for awhile; the hands of labor will pause for a day; the churches will receive renewed emphasis; the American tradition will be lauded; for a day there will be some appreciation to God for His mercies and blessings. True thanksgiving is not a matter of convention, however—it is a matter of the heart. Formal proclamations of seasons of thanksgiving are both good and necessary, especially for an entire nation's observance. But for the Christian, thanksgiving to God should be a natural thing, and should at all times occupy his heart.

In this season of national giving of thanks, is there really anything for which to be thankful? My heart answers yes—and my intelligence affirms it. There is no need for the Christian to search long for the blessings of God; in fact, no search at all is necessary, for the manifestations of God's love are everywhere.

Plato once said, "I thank God I am a man and not a beast; that I am a Greek and not a barbarian." Certainly we should be thankful that we are Americans. It has been pointed out by a churchman of high office that Protestant Christian countries have no really serious threat of

Communistic domination—countries such as America, Britain, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia, and others. For national blessings let us be thankful.

We have churches everywhere, and one is able to worship God according to one's own religious convictions. We certainly should be thankful to God for our churches. Then would come our social blessings—such as friends who actually care about us, conveniences that make life more pleasant for us, and other things that are basically Christian in precept.

The heart is able to grasp a portion of God's general blessings to mankind—notice that I said *portion*, not *all*—but it is utterly lost when it tries to calculate its personal blessings. We never shall be able to comprehend all that God has done and is doing for us. One verse in the Bible is sufficient to let us know that divine blessings are beyond human ken: "All things WORK—work TOGETHER—for good to them that love God . . ." Romans 8:28. How can we gain intelligence to such things as that verse must contain? Not being able even to know of all God's blessings to us, how could we ever enumerate them and give special thanks for each one? It is obvious that we cannot.

We must practice being thankful-hearted. There should be efforts to hold in mind all of His

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FAMILY SCENES

By Ruth Starnes

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"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. . . . Her children arise up, and call her blessed,"
Proverbs 31:10-12, 28.

NO IDEAL OF human life can be more beautiful than that of a happy home. The foundation of the home and parental training surely leave an imprint upon society. The world must later reckon with the children that parents teach or refuse to teach. There is nothing which tests a person so much as the daily discipline of home life. It is much easier to stand amid a crowd of Christians and exhort them to greater consecration, than to face the trivial problem of household duties, when

it seems you are surrounded with unsurmountable difficulties. Remember, however, if we fail at this point, we fail altogether.

The home is made up of the husband, the wife and the children. The word *husband* literally means the "band of the house," the support of it, the person who keeps it together, as a band keeps together a sheaf of corn. The married man who by his dissolute habits strips his house of all comfort is not a husband.

The word *wife* literally means

"weaver." The wife is the person who weaves. Before our great cloth factories arose, one of the principal employments in every home was the fabrication of clothing. Every family made its own. The wool was spun into thread by the girls, who were therefore called spinsters; the thread was woven into cloth by their mother, who accordingly was called a weaver or wife. The word *heirloom* is now applied to any old piece of furniture, but it shows that the loom was once a most important article in every house.

Trench says, "In the word *wife* there is wrapped up a hint of earnest in-door, stay at home occupations, as being fitted for her who bears the name." Many wives by their prudence, thrift, and economy keep the house together and are truly the husband.

Every woman is not suited to every man. The choice of a companion is serious business. The Bible exhorts people to be careful lest they become unequally yoked together. Although the basic meaning of this Scripture is debatable, I think it could mean in the choice of a lifelong companion. How can two walk together except they be agreed? How many hearts have been crushed because they made the wrong choice in selecting a companion! The true marriage must be ratified in heaven. There must be mutual confidence between husband and wife. Love must learn to give, to suffer, to endure.

Personal salvation plays an integral part in the foundation of any home. God should be the unseen Guest in every home, for by following the leadings of His Spirit, we can have a guaranteed security. Other things will be lost presently, but our experience with God will fortify us even to the end. This is a modern age in which we are living. We are facing a generation that ignores God and the Bible. Formerly, when a young man called on his girl friend, her mother answered the door and learned something of the character of the caller. Now, many times the young man drives up to the curb, honks his car horn, the young lady runs out to meet him and away they go to seek pleasure.

J. Edgar Hoover states, "One of the great factors in juvenile delinquency is lack of religious training in the home." Every person reflects in his personality the seed sown during the formative years of life. During Old Testament times the parents were responsible for the religious training of their young. What has gone wrong with the homes of today? How many parents suffer broken hearts because of wayward children!

Influence is a great word in the English language. Every person has

an influence always at work, whether good or bad. The power of evil is widespread. Men follow leaders. The welfare of the world is at times advanced, at times retarded, by the fidelity or unfaithfulness of those who are charged with high trust and responsibility. It is destructively injurious in proportion to the influence which anyone wields in his power for good or evil. If one falls from a high position, he drags others down with him. On the other hand, when a person has great faith, he wields a powerful influence for good. During the famine in Egypt, Joseph saved many people's lives, but he has spoken to more souls since his death than when he was living. David, the sweet singer of Israel, is heard by more people today in the Psalms than when he lived. Paul preached many sermons while living, but after his death his sermons caused Luther and others to be saved. Such is the effect of the right kind of influence.

The influence of a Christian mother is seen in the life of the Reverend John Newton. She was an obscure and pious woman, living in a city in the south of England. History is silent regarding her ancestry, place of birth, or her education. She made it her great business to instruct and train her only son in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John's mother died when he was seven years of age. A few years later he went to sea where he became a common sailor engaged in the African slave trade. His life sank to a low ebb for he became adept in vice, a swearer, a most horribly profane man. However, he could not shake off the remembrance of his mother's instructions. Though dead and in her grave, she seemed to be speaking to him still. After many alarms of conscience he became a Christian. In addition to becoming one of the most successful ministers our country has ever produced, he wrote many books, and few authors have done more to extend the power of religion.

Follow that mother's influence further. Her son John was the means of the conversion of Claudius Buchanan, who became a great

minister of the gospel to the East Indies. Here he occupied a responsible station. His labors in behalf of the English population for the improvement of the moral and spiritual condition of the natives are ranked among the noblest achievements of Christian philanthropy. His book *The Star of the East* was the first thing that attracted Adoniram Judson to a mission in the East Indies. These are some of the glorious results of one holy woman's efforts to educate her son for God.

Our duties in this world are always on a scale which assumes we have omnipotent help within our reach. In the ancient games, the runner hoped to win the race, to wear the crown of laurel around his brow, and to have his name handed down as victor to untold generations. With this in view, he strained every muscle to reach the goal. That was a natural reward. The Christian sets before him the crown that shall never fade away. He seeks for the smile of the Saviour and treasures in heaven.

God was mindful of the limits in which man should exercise dominion. All of God's inanimate creatures serve God and us by keeping within the bounds set for them. Man has tried to step out of the limits set for him by God, yet God has allowed man only a certain amount of authority. The physician dies of the disease which he studies to cure. The seaman finds his grave in the ocean he has spent his life to conquer. Even the body of the Christian is subject to the laws of death and decay. Our dependence should be utterly upon God. There are tasks in life we shall never be able to perform without His help. It becomes us to trust the Captain of our salvation and let Christ direct our lives.

A home means more than four walls to keep out the heat and cold. The home is a most vital part of life. The unity of the members of the family is of great importance to the spiritual growth of the children. Tomorrow's world depends upon today's youth. The type of church, community, or nation we have in the future depends upon

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THE CHILD

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PART IV

THE CHRISTIAN WORKER AND FIRST CORINTHIANS THIRTEEN

1 Corinthians 13:1 — Though Christian workers should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and should not love little children, they would become as sounding brass, and as a tinkling cymbal.

2. And though they should have the gift of prophecy,

and understand all mysteries, and possess all knowledge; and though they should have all faith, so that they could remove mountains, and have no love for these little ones, they are nothing.

3. And though they give all their goods to feed the poor, and though they give their bodies to be burned; still, if they do not love these little ones, it will profit them nothing.

4. Love for these little ones will cause the Christian workers to be longsuffering and kind, will keep them from envy, will keep them from boasting, or acting in a rash manner, and will keep them from being puffed up.

5. If the Christian worker has love for these little ones, he will not act in an unbecoming manner before them; he will not serve his own selfish interests, will not take offense easily, and will not think evil of anyone.

6. Love will not rejoice in iniquity, but will rejoice in the truth.

7. He who has love for these little ones will bear all things for them, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things to win them to Jesus.

8. Love will never fail; prophecies will become useless; tongues will come to an end; and knowledge will vanish away.

9. For we have a limited knowledge of a few things, and the prophecies only cover a small portion of the events of time.

10. But when we reach the perfection of the eternal redeemed state, then these things which are in part will be done away. But love will continue.

11. When the Christian worker was a child, he spoke as a child, he understood as a child, but since he has become a man, he should put away childish things, and speak, and understand, and reason as a man.

12. For now, with the aid of tongues and knowledge and prophecy, we only see through a glass darkly; but when the perfection of the eternal redeemed state is come, we shall see face to face: now we know in a limited way; but then we shall know even as also we are known.

13. And now there remaineth faith, hope, and love. these three; but the one of greatest importance to the Christian worker is LOVE.

THERE IS A REASON FOR Paul's placing such importance on love. It is the connecting link between God and man. It was because God so loved the world that He gave His Son. The Greek word for love in John 3:16 is *agapao*, and it means love in a social and a moral sense. This means that God loved the entire social system of the earth—the whole human race. This love embodies a care for their spiritual, social, mental, and physical welfare. We cannot love the soul of one of these little ones and forget his social, mental and physical well-being.

Some have said, "I love his soul, but I can't like him." Now this is an impossible situation. What doctor would say, "I will treat his soul, but I can't minister to his ugly body"? Or what psychiatrist would say, "I will treat his body, but I will not treat his filthy

mind"? These men know that the physical, mental moral, social, and spiritual welfare are all related one to another, and in most cases are interdependent. There are times when physical illness has its origin in some kind of mental or spiritual disorder; and on such occasions it would be foolish to treat the body without treating the mind and soul.

The Christian worker must remember that God so loved the world (entire social system) that He made it possible for *all* our spiritual, mental, moral, social and physical needs to be supplied by and through the Atonement. However, we must also remember that the full benefits of these things will *not be* realized until the resurrection. That is what Paul meant when he said that for now, with the aid of tongues and knowledge and prophecy, we only see through a glass darkly; but when the perfection of the eternal redeemed state is come, we shall see face to face, and know as we are known.

The great God of heaven has decreed that these social beings on earth must minister the benefits of the Atonement to each other. He has not decreed that angels preach to the lost, or pray with them, or teach them, or beseech them in Christ's stead to be reconciled to the Father. That is the work of the Christian worker. Since man, under the fall, is prone to be selfish and stingy, and serve his own interests, it is necessary that God give him some incentive, some bent or tendency, to serve others. That incentive from God is love.

You will serve these little ones as you love them.

THE WORLD AT HIS FEET

IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE
TRIBULATION: BUT BE OF GOOD
CHEER; I HAVE OVERCOME THE
WORLD

THE RISING
GENERATION



The Heart Problem

By RUTH WILLIAMS

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"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God," 1 Chronicles 22:19.

WITHIN THE CHEST OF every living soul beats an organ called the "heart." Its movement is a steady, pulsating beat and without it life would end; therefore, its vital importance to our life in this world is evident. As long as the heart is healthy and strong, our chances of living are enhanced; but when disease strikes this member of the body, hope for the longevity of life is dimmed. Our care of the heart is apparent, for we carefully preserve the earthly temple, while we allow the lifegiving blood stream to flow to a heart that is black as night with sin. With the last beat our soul will plunge into eternal darkness.

It is not the condition of the physical heart that is important, for we were born to die, but the soul of man will live on and for the soul to reach eternal life, the heart must be made clean. The heart and soul are closely related, for just as a healing stream of blood is constantly pumped through our bodies to give us health and a sense of well-being, so must the blood of the Son of God be in operation for the heart to be cleansed and made ready for the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is impossible for Him to enter a heart that is filled with sin and wickedness —you must first accept the fact that you are lost and without hope. You must say with the Psalmist David, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," then the atoning blood begins to flow over your soul, cleansing, revitalizing and making you a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Perhaps you have not sought God because you fear failure and your sins seem insurmountable, but take courage, for He is near and it takes only the simple step of reaching and believing to become His child. Psalm 34:18 gives the answer in these words: "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saith such as be of a contrite spirit." How often we must suffer the agony of being broken before we can see our need of salvation. Just as gold must be sifted and melted to become pure gold, so must our hearts be melted and remolded to become a proper place for the abode of the Lovely One.

"My Son, give me thine heart," is the cry of the Master. His call reaches to you with passionate pleading. The language of our Saviour is plain and understandable, "*give me thine heart*"—that is the requirement for eternal life. In giving your heart to Him, you renounce the devil and all his works; you turn to Christ and believe on Him, confessing your sins and accepting His saving grace. With this transforma-

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What Were the Pilgrim Fathers Thankful For?

*What were the Pilgrim Fathers thankful for,
Those refugees upon a frozen shore,
Meeting new perils, fleeing perils old,
For scourge of persecution, scourge of fold.
Undaunted hearts in famine-wasted frames,
Unyielding to winter's icy flames?*

*To God alone those Pilgrims bent the knee,
For life, for love, for faith, for liberty.
Rising above a torrent of dismay,
They found—and founded—our
Thanksgiving Day.*

Roland Ashbrook.

Plymouth Rock

By W. P. Stallings

Overseer of the Dakotas

When we think of Plymouth Rock, we are reminded of the Rock of Ages, for it too speaks of courage, fortitude, endurance, unselfishness and vision.

IN NEW ENGLAND there is a rock by the side of the sea. It is plain and unadorned. The hand of man has changed it only by cutting into its surface the date 1620. Thousands visit this rock each year and are inspired, for Plymouth Rock is not just an ordinary rock. It is a monument to the courage, fortitude, endurance, unselfishness, and vision of a people who had absolute faith in the Bible and were willing to give their lives, if necessary, to live by its teachings.

Here, on December 16, 1620, one hundred and two Pilgrims, after sixty-three trying days at sea, gave grateful thanks to God for a safe journey and began a new way of life. After a hard and bitter winter of suffering, hunger, cold, and death, spring brought relief to those who survived. Out of the group only fifty lived to witness the warmth of spring. Just four of the eighteen wives who came along remained.

Even though this seasoning process was cruel, the spirit of the survivors did not flag. By hard work they raised a small amount of foodstuff, and with a deep feeling of gratitude for the rich productivity of the land and as a memorial of the dangers and hardships through which they had passed, they gave the world its first Thanksgiving Day as a fitting recognition of all that God in His goodness had bestowed upon them.

For many years in New England it was a custom to place five grains of corn at every plate on Thanksgiving Day to remind the colonists of the first winter when the food of their Pilgrim fathers was so depleted that only five grains of corn could be given to each individual. Thus, they tried to keep alive the memory of the sacrifice, suffering, and hardships which made possible their new way of life.

When we think of Plymouth Rock, we are reminded of the Rock of Ages for it too speaks of the courage, fortitude, endurance, unselfishness, and vision of One who came that we might have life abundant.

On this Thanksgiving Day may we let each of these grains of corn remind us of the price Christ paid for our souls and the suffering through which He passed.

First, let us think of the courage of Christ. Faced with the spiritual and moral decadence of His day He might have been a pacifist, but He chose to cut across the currents of traditional religion, to cry out

against the evil customs of the people and to denounce sin wherever He found it. When we consider His courage in the temptations, in cleansing the Temple, in facing the ingratitude of His home town, in the Garden, and at Calvary, we are inspired to greater achievements.

The ability to endure suffering and adversity is called fortitude. Surely Christ is our example in this. In 1 Peter 2:21; 3:18 we read, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. . . . For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us that Christ endured the cross. It was not a pleasant experience for our Lord to go to Calvary. It cost an infinite price. Let us therefore consider Him that endured such lest we be weary and faint in our minds. Paul challenges us to endure hardness as a good soldier of the cross if we are to receive a reward.

Jesus is also our perfect example of unselfishness. Again and again the writers of the Gospels remind us that He went about all Galilee preaching in their synagogues and healing all who were brought to him. He spared not Himself but freely gave His all that others might have. He gave his life that we might live. He became poor that we might have riches in heaven. He became sin that we might be made the righteousness of God. He "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Jesus had a great vision of the kingdom of heaven. In His teachings He set forth the laws which were to govern this kingdom and described those who would enjoy it. About this world of eternity He spoke with a sense of reality. He has revealed to us that it is a world of infinite holiness, a kindly, friendly world, keenly interested in us. He spoke of a heavenly Father looking on us with love and pain. He spoke of the joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. He spoke of a city of many mansions where moth and rust doth not corrupt and thieves do not break through and steal, a country free from sin, pain, sorrow and death, a land of eternal springtime. I want to go there, don't you? By His grace and help we can.

THE HEART PROBLEM

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tion you become a new creature through Jesus Christ, your Lord. Calvary becomes a stirring reality, the story of the resurrection lives again and you walk the lowly path that man must tread with a fleet-winged step because you are now a child of the King.

The beauty and glory of the Sermon on the Mount reaches into this twentieth century with the beatitude which reads, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." There is no fear, uncertainty or doubt; His promises are true. With a pure heart you will see God. You are offered complete and full redemption in this world and in the one to come. With a vibrant voice of love and compassion our heavenly Father speaks to you at this moment, asking for your heart. The answer is yours. What will it be? God grant that you will surrender and say:

"Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace,"

for the unmerited saving grace of God is yours—by giving Him your heart!

FAMILY SCENES

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the way the youth are taught today. It was God Himself who brought the bride to her husband in the first marriage, so it must have been a sacred thing in the eyes of God. Holy matrimony is one of the institutions God ordained to last until death should claim one or the other partners. As we view some of the modern marriages they seem only to be some social or civil arrangement, but this was not the plan of God.

The family scenes that leave an eternal imprint upon human lives are those homes where Christ is made the Head of the home. Queen Elizabeth, the present monarch of England, was told at an early age that she would some day be the queen of her people. She was never permitted to forget this but was taught accordingly. The crown was always before her and her life was adjusted to being ready for the position when the time came. Many famous men have given testimony that the early religious training given them was a deciding factor in the success of their lives. Let us so live that our influence for God will be an inspiration to all with whom we come in contact.

THANKSGIVING IN THE HEART

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graces, but the impossibility of it should swell our hearts with praise. Since true appreciation is always of the heart, then let us forever and ever praise Him—for everything!

True gratitude is not a matter of form or tradition or ceremony, but it is the sincere utterance of the heart. That is the sense of the Psalmist who said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name," and who said, "I will praise the Lord with my whole heart." The heart must sincerely be affected before there can be real thanksgiving.

Our great nation has proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day, and it will be a day of gladness and tradition. Even so, it could be a day without true thanksgiving, for that must be in the heart.

The Living Scriptures—
"We Give Thee Thanks" by Jack Hamm





reports

New Mexico Camp Meeting

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:8) was the theme of the camp meeting held at Carlsbad, New Mexico, June 27-30, 1957, under the direction and leadership of the state overseer, D. G. Homner, and the state youth director, James Madison. Brother A. R. Mitchell was host pastor.

Definite proof that God was in the planning of the program became evident the first evening. Brother Earl P. Paulk, who was the general headquarters representative and our evening speaker, announced the text of his sermon to be "Wilt Thou Not Revive Us Again: That Thy People May Rejoice in Thee?" He had not seen one of our printed programs which carried this as the theme of camp meeting, but felt led by the Spirit to use this as his subject. On the following evening Brother Paulk dwelt much on church doctrine, which was so good for all of us. He made us feel so secure, resting under the great sheltering wings of the Church of God. He made us feel so happy to be a member of a church whose solid foundation is the Word of God. Old-timers in the movement were heard to shout "Amen" many times as he brought out the sound doctrine of the Church. Mrs. Paulk accompanied her husband to Carlsbad, and everyone was so happy to have an opportunity to meet her. Her presence was a special blessing to all the ladies present, inasmuch as Brother Paulk gave out advice to husbands on the kind of treatment to give their wives in order to keep them looking pretty.

Not only did Brother Paulk speak in the evening, but also he conducted Bible study each morning at 10:00. It was a real privilege to have Brother Paulk with us. His sermons inspired and strengthened us, and we appreciate his coming.

Throughout the three-day program our own state ministers brought us soul-stirring messages also. New Mexico can be proud of each minister, and we feasted as they broke the bread of life.

Highlight of the Friday night service was crowning of our coupon king and queen. Paul Mitchell, son of the Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Mitchell was king, and Sue Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harper, was queen. Paul and Sue received this honor competing with other contestants in the state to see who could collect the most coupons for our Home for Children. As a reward, they were given a free trip to youth camp.

Saturday was an important day, featuring the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band program, missions program, and Lee College alumni banquet.

The banner for the outstanding Willing Workers' Band of the year was presented to the ladies of the Hobbs Church by state president, Mrs. D. G. Homner. Sister Homner has been in the state for only a year, but is much loved and greatly respected by the people. In gratitude for her work a special love offering was taken.

Brother Paul Rundell of Hermiston, Oregon was master of ceremonies at the Alumni Banquet. "Our School Around the World" was the theme. A world globe served as centerpiece for the table. Attached to this were streamers from various missions fields leading to name cards of former Lee College students now serving on the missions field. The guest speaker was Brother D. G. Homner. New officers elected were: James Madison, president; David Seyda, vice-president; and Mrs. James Madison, secretary-treasurer. Brother Wayne Chelette of Monroe, Louisiana was a special visitor attending the banquet.

Sunday was another special day, with Pioneers for Christ program being initiated by Brother Paulk. Special guest speaker in the afternoon service was Brother Joe Bailey, Youth Director of Northwest Texas.

Sunday night saw the close of another wonderful camp meeting. People were a little closer to heaven in spirit, and a little closer to heaven from the standpoint of the second coming of Christ — that great camp meeting time which will continue throughout eternity!

—Mrs Fred Odom, reporter

Western Canada Camp Meeting

Camping days may be just a memory but not so in the 1957 camp meeting of the Churches of God in Western Canada, held at I.B.C., Estevan, Saskatchewan. What more beautiful setting than the wide campus, fifteen miles from the lure of city lights against a perfect golden setting of grain and summer sun!

Much of the success is due to the untiring efforts of our provincial overseer, William Pratt. The smooth, well-oiled machinery set up by the respective committees provoked good attendance and proved a rich blessing to all. The variable program was stimulating and invigorating in the work of consecrating lives to the work of God, our Lord and Redeemer.

Our general overseer, Houston R. Morehead, and his wife added charm and vigor, which fittingly opened the sacred shrines of our hearts. The overseer's message was sincere and heartfelt. In Mrs. Morehead's address, as if reeled off in kaleidoscopic scenes, we witnessed the facades of a vital Christian program as we journeyed with them across Europe down through the length of Africa. Her review was sparked with humor and we are still wondering what a young missionary would do with a stove without a house in any mission field. What a blessing their trip was to them and to us!

In his evening messages Charles Tilley, ably assisted in song by his wife and Miss Ardys Becker, accompanist, prophetically denounced the worldly ways. Alive, vibrating with a new need for re-dedication of each individual life, his dynamic sermons illuminated in story and song, were warming and conforming to the Christian way of life. Surely the consecration of heart, mind, and soul was a tribute to the living Word, witnessed through the light of God.

Through the guidance of Darrell Lindsay, President of I.B.C., the morning Bible lessons were instructive and informal. We lived again with Paul through the book of Romans, gaining a new insight in the teachings of Christ, surely a daily walk with God to carry back from camp meeting.

We were honored with the presence of Mrs. Josephine Walker Neshem, co-laborer and founder of the Church of God in Canada. We know her hours of prayerful worship and supplication made this possible, and the Holy Ghost surely came down as we listened to one who has lost her husband but gained so much. Her son Billy, the youth evangelist, gave us a touching sermon on "Are Your Vessels Filled With Oil?" We know by the

grace of God Sister Neshem will be richly rewarded in her ministry for God.

Another young man, Jacob Froese, second - year student of I.B.C., gave a distinct, fresh message. We know he is divinely called to serve the Master in consecration of souls for there is great power in his ministry.

We can only condense the highlights in space allotted here, but the camp speakers were God-sent with a warming message for everyone.

Highlighting the camp was a visit from the one-time overseer of Western Canada and now missionary to India, Brother Pospisil, and his family. They brought good news from the Far East in the person of Brother Benjamin, professor and linguist. Through their stirring addresses, the whole camp was endowed with a zealous feeling of a fiery need for new recruits in far fields. Surely God worked in a mysterious way, for the missionary offering exceeded anything heretofore known in Western Canada—\$2,938.57 as compared with \$2,807.94 last year.

The torch "Our Lives Are in His Hands" was truly the light carried throughout the meetings. The outpouring of the wrath of God upon a worldly people made this camp meeting a special rededication of trusted souls committing their lives to His great work—phenomenal with the dire need of the times. May next year be as this, a live torch to carry through the year, searing the old self and effacing the dead dregs of a soulless, self-centered, material-minded life.

—Mrs. G. Penny, reporter

Church Made Great Progress Since Assembly

TAMPA, Fla.—At the last assembly Brother William F. Morris of Easton, Maryland, was appointed pastor of the Sulphur Springs Church of God. Brother Morris came here as a comparative stranger to the church as a whole, but highly recommended by those who did know him. Since coming to Sulphur Springs he has lived up to his reputation as a good pastor and preacher. He has gained many friends for himself and for the Church.

As the spiritual tide began to rise, the members began to take on new courage and zeal. A general desire to see the church move forward was prevalent everywhere. "The people had a mind to work." Soon after the pastor arrived he surveyed the situation and saw many things needing to be done, both inside and outside the church. Taking these various problems to

the church, he found the members and friends of the church ready to cooperate in every respect.

The first major project was to paint the interior of the main auditorium. There was such an enthusiastic response that I am sure Brother Morris himself was surprised. A number pledged money and gave willing hands. A time was appointed for everyone who was willing to work to meet at the church. Brother Morris did not say "Who will come and do the work?" but "Who will come and help us do the work?" An inspiring attitude and an untiring effort were manifested by all concerned. Members and friends had such a wonderful spirit to work.

Since the last Assembly the following has been done: The entire inside of the church has been painted. The floors in the large and small auditorium have been covered with rubber tile. The pews in the main auditorium have been sanded and refinished with three coats of varnish. The church has a nice fifteen-ton York air conditioner. The outside of the church has been painted. The yards have been landscaped and sodded. The church has bought a house and parking lot across the street. The total improvements of our property cost \$18,000. The labor was free. The ladies as well as the men worked hard to see this accomplished.

We thank the Lord for the way He has blessed our church and for sending us a pastor and his wife like Brother and Sister Morris. Brother and Sister Jack Matthews have been working with the church for the past six months as assistant pastor and music director. He has proved to be a great blessing to the church. He plans to work in the State of North Carolina. As he goes to his new field of labor, we, the church in Sulphur Springs, hope for him and his wife God's very best. —Church reporter

Rally Has Good Results

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The first four-night missions rally ever held at the Grand Avenue Church of God, St. Louis, Missouri, has just been completed with wonderful success. The rally was conducted September 5-8.

The church was privileged to have Brother L. E. Heil and family who have been missionaries in Japan for 5 years. Our rally began on Thursday night with a wonderful message from Brother L. E. Heil. The Heils were dressed in Japanese costumes and Sister Heil talked about the Japanese people and their way of living. There were also songs in the Japanese language. On

Friday night, we were favored with picture slides about Japan.

On Saturday night, Brother Wayne Heil, our pastor, showed picture slides about Haiti where he and his family had been missionaries for two years. Brother Heil and his son sang in the Creole language. Brother Wayne Heil preached a wonderful message Sunday morning and concluded the Sunday morning worship service by receiving a cash offering and pledges in the amount of \$2,120. Sunday night concluded our missions rally with a wonderful sermon by Brother L. E. Heil.

God has richly blessed the Grand Avenue Church of God, and we are happy that we can have just a small part in the missions program.

—Reporter



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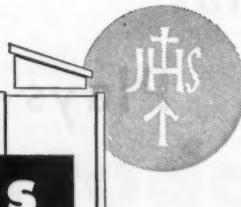


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Eight Conversions in Albemarle

ALBEMARLE, N. C.—We recently had a revival at the Albemarle Church of God. Sister Hillhouse was the evangelist. About 8 were saved, 8 sanctified, and 10 filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Hillhouse is a very good evangelist.

—D. H. Delk, reporter

Good Revival Under Direction of Youthful Evangelist

FAIRFIELD, Ill.—We have just closed a fine three-week revival at the Church of God in Fairfield, Illinois. Twenty-year-old Bobby Hartgraves, of Ninety Six, South Carolina, was the evangelist; his singing and preaching were an inspiration to the congregation.

The attendance was very good considering the season of the year, and the people were responsive to the exhortation and invitation of the preacher. There were 10 saved, 11 sanctified, 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 13 baptized in water, 11 added to the Church and 2 received by transfer.

The Sunday previous to the beginning of the revival 8 were saved in the regular service. The revival spirit continues in the church since the eleven-week revival of last winter with the Reverend Billy Howell. Sunday School attendance has doubled and church membership is up 65 per cent since the first of the year.

—E. R. Adams, pastor

Greatest Revival Ever in Fayetteville; Eighty-four Conversions

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—I should like to report a recent revival here in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on the corner of "C" and Adams Streets. This revival makes history as being the greatest revival ever conducted here. It lasted 6 weeks and people were stirred by the mighty power of God. Our young people began crying out for more of God; many were saved and healed by the mighty power of God. Eighty-four were saved, 43 sanctified, and many filled with the Holy

Ghost. Many were added to the Church. Only eternity will reveal all the good accomplished. The evangelist was Brother Alex Dunn, Jr., of Gibson. Brother Dunn is a great singer as well as preacher and God really anointed him in both. We highly recommend Brother Dunn to any church. He is a young evangelist and knows how to work with young people. We invite him to come back to Fayetteville any time.

We are happy to have our wonderful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. H. Daniels. Brother Daniels is a wonderful man of God and works so untiringly for the promotion of our church and community. We are proud of our church and trust that God will continue to bless us.

—Ben H. Adair, clerk

Outstanding Healing in Georgia Revival

OCHLOCHNEE, Ga.—I am happy to report a revival at the Church of God in Ochlochnee, Georgia, in July and August of this year. The devil made people believe there would never be a revival here, but it came in answer to our prayers. We appreciate the ministry of Brother Clay Cantrell, of Dallas, Georgia, who was the evangelist. God surely used him and his good consecrated wife to bless our church and community. Several were saved and sanctified; one received the Holy Ghost, and we received one member by transfer. One of the most definite healings was wrought by God's power that I have ever seen in more than 40 years of attending the Church of God. One of our members, Brother George Sellers, Jr., had been seriously sick for a good while. He had undergone 5 major operations and the doctors wanted him to have another one. He did not want to go, however; he felt that he would not come back alive. The saints of God earnestly prayed for him at the church on Tuesday night before he was to go to the hospital on Wednesday morning. He also got willing to preach and pray for the sick and God healed him instantly. He went to the doctor to be examined

the day he was to have been operated on and the doctor was very much surprised. He was pronounced well and able to go back to work.

Since that time, about one month ago, Brother Sellers has been going about doing good, preaching and praying for the sick with God putting His approval on his work. He would be a blessing to any church securing his services.

—R. F. Wilson, pastor

Sixty Saved in Three Weeks

BENTON HARBOR, Mich.—The Church of God on Trumbull Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church here in Detroit. For three weeks, each night, with the exception of one or two nights, people got saved. The power of God was manifested greatly each night. Many were healed. A man had heart trouble and was healed; many others were also healed. Nine couples were saved. Sixty were saved, 40 sanctified and 23 filled with the Holy Ghost. A number of men joined the Church. The evangelist was Walter Skutar.

—Reporter

Evangelist Is Blessing to Church

LOXLEY, Ala. — The Loxley Church of God has enjoyed a wonderful two weeks' revival with Brother and Sister A. W. Mills. The church as a whole was greatly blessed. The Reverend A. L. Reed is our pastor, and we appreciate him very much.

—Mrs. T. G. Gautney, reporter

Revival Has Good Results—Sunday School Average Increased

ASHBURN, Ga.—I wish to report our revival with Brother Freddie Herring, evangelist from Columbus, Georgia. Eight were saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 baptized in water. Brother Freddie is a wonderful child of God. I know he would be a blessing to any church. Our church is on the move since Brother M. E. Orr, our pastor, came here March 3, 1956. We only had 29 in Sunday School and we average 75 now. He has also finished our church inside and out. We thank God for the good leadership of our Brother and Sister Orr. They have been a blessing to the church and town. We also have a branch Sunday School averaging about 50 each Sunday. Pray for us at Ashburn.

—Fannie Saylor, clerk



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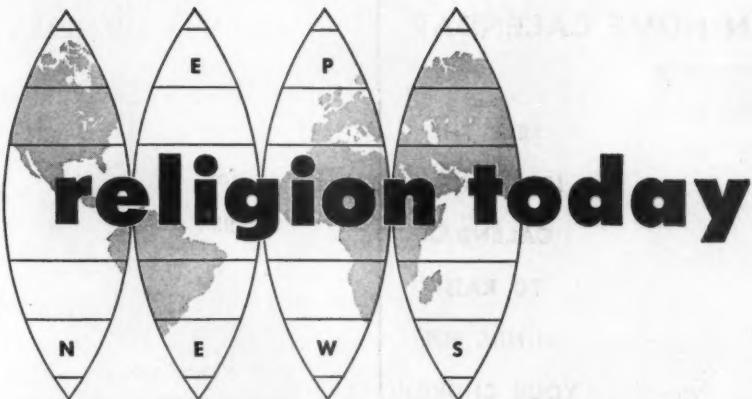
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To give the Word of God even more of its appropriate prominence, the convention featured a special exhibit of rare Bibles.

Brought to Los Angeles by the Reverend Don Cleveland Norman of Chicago, Religion Editor for the

American People's Encyclopedia, the exhibit included two leaves (comprising the book of Malachi) of the famed Gutenberg Bible, first book ever printed by movable type; a complete facsimile Gutenberg; the first printed Bible in octavo form (1491); the first complete Bible printed in English, the Coverdale of 1535; the first Bible printed in English in America, the Aitken of 1782; the first translation of the Bible in America, the Eliot (2nd edition, 1685); and a rare Latin manuscript Bible, dated between A.D. 1280-1320.

Mr. Norman, who is also managing editor of *The New Analytical Bible*, during the past two summers traveled in fifteen European countries gathering material for a book on the Gutenberg Bible. His exhibit in Los Angeles attracted widespread attention, including an

appearance on Art Linkletter's coast-to-coast television "House Party."

In Australia, an unidentified Port Melbourne Sunday School teacher died at the age of 99, leaving behind him a continuous record of faithful Christian service since he was 17 years old — 75 years as a Sunday School teacher! A report of his death also noticed that on the day preceding his death he had gone out into the city, as he had done daily for the past 20 years, distributing gospel tracts, giving out no less than 138 copies.

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